

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 8, 11-15 and 18 are amended herein. Claims 6, 9-10 and 16-17 are cancelled. New claim 19 is added. Claims 1-5, 7-8, 11-15 and 18-19 are pending and under consideration.

The rejections based on Toyoki are respectfully traversed. Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites the guide panel moves to the first position by pivotingly falling from the second position due to a weight thereof, when the driving unit is turned off.

The Examiner relies upon Fig. 2a of Toyoki. However, this figure is a top view, and therefore illustrates that the guide 7 moves horizontally. As shown in Fig. 3 of the reference, this movement is due to a spring 9, not due to a weight thereof. In the "Response to Arguments" portion of the Office Action, the Examiner states that the force of the solenoid would correspond to weight acting on the guide member.

Thus, there is a balance of forces generated by the solenoid and the spring to move in the different directions. In contrast, the invention of claim 6 relies upon the weight force to move in one direction. Thus, the invention of claim 6 is advantageous because the number of parts is reduced, thereby making the resulting apparatus easier to manufacture, and less likely to break.

Lee and Masaru do not overcome these deficiencies in Toyoki, and are not relied on by the Examiner to do so.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

New claim 19 is added and recites the guide panel moves to the first position by pivotingly falling from the second position only due to a weight thereof, when the driving unit is turned off. As discussed above, Toyoki does not teach falling due to a weight, and Lee and Masaru do not overcome these deficiencies.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.




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